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Condemning all prejudice against individuals of Asian and Pacific Island ancestry in the United States and supporting political and civic participation by such individuals throughout the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. SARBANES) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Condemning all prejudice against individuals of Asian and Pacific Island ancestry in the United States and supporting political and civic participation by such individuals throughout the United States.

Whereas the belief that all persons have the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness is a truth that individuals in the United States hold as self-evident;

Whereas all individuals in the United States are entitled to the equal protection of law;

Whereas individuals of Asian and Pacific Island ancestry have made profound contributions to life in the United States, including the arts, the economy, education, the

sciences, technology, politics, and sports, among other areas;

Whereas individuals of Asian and Pacific Island ancestry have demonstrated their patriotism by honorably serving to defend the United States in times of armed conflict, from the Civil War to the present;

Whereas due to recent allegations of espionage and illegal campaign financing, the loyalty and probity of individuals of Asian and Pacific Island ancestry in the United States have been questioned;

Whereas individuals of Asian and Pacific Island ancestry have suffered unfounded and demagogic accusations of disloyalty throughout the history of the United States; and

Whereas individuals of Asian and Pacific Island ancestry have been subjected to discriminatory laws, including the former Act of May 6, 1882 (22 Stat. 58, chapter 126) (often referred to as the “Chinese Exclusion Act”) and a 1913 California law relating to alien-owned land, and by discriminatory actions, including internment of patriotic and loyal individuals of Japanese ancestry during the Second World War, the repatriation of Filipino immigrants, and the prohibition of individuals of Asian and Pacific Island ancestry from owning property, voting, testifying in court, or attending school with other people in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
2 *concurring), That—*

3 (1) Congress condemns all prejudice against in-
4 dividuals of Asian and Pacific Island ancestry in the

1 United States and publicly supports the participa-
2 tion of the individuals in the political, public, and
3 civic affairs of the United States; and

4 (2) it is the sense of Congress that—

5 (A) no Member of Congress or any other
6 individual in the United States should stereo-
7 type or generalize the actions of an individual
8 to an entire group of people;

9 (B) individuals of Asian and Pacific Island
10 ancestry in the United States are entitled to all
11 rights and privileges afforded to all individuals
12 in the United States; and

13 (C) the Attorney General, the Secretary of
14 Energy, and the Commissioner of the Equal
15 Employment Opportunity Commission should,
16 within their respective jurisdictions, investigate
17 all allegations of discrimination in public or pri-
18 vate workplaces and vigorously enforce the se-
19 curity of the national laboratories of the United
20 States, without discriminating against individ-
21 uals of Asian and Pacific Island ancestry.

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